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DOT&PF contracts recruitment firm, *Seeks to find new airport system executive director*

(JUNEAU, Alaska) – The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) announced today that it has selected The Growth Company Inc. (TGC) to help the department's aviation system hire an Executive Director for the Alaska International Airport System.

"This position and the hired individual will oversee the Alaska International Airport System (AIAS) and the primary points of entry to Alaska's vast aviation network," said Christine Klein, Deputy Commissioner of Aviation for DOT&PF. "This person will supervise both the Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airport teams."

The AIAS was originally established in 1961, and Klein says that the system will focus on ensuring that it serves as a consistent and balanced entity.

"I'm confident that TGC will help us bring on the most qualified applicants to choose from for this position," Klein said. "The AIAS is a tremendous asset and economic engine for all of Alaska, and we intend to ensure coordination and leverage of the AIAS to best serve Alaska communities that depend and rely on it throughout the state."

Klein emphasized that advertisements for the executive director's position will begin appearing throughout Alaska media and the aviation industry trade publication the American Association of Airport Executives next month.

"The Aviation Advisory Board will review applications very closely throughout October," said Klein.

Prospective candidates will be interviewed in November and a selection is anticipated in December.

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The search committee is seeking someone with extensive, successful airport management experience ranging from small to large hubs. The top candidate for the position is expected to have a background of successful business and airport management experience and hold a bachelors or masters degree. Another desired qualification includes Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) credentials recognized by the American Association of Airport Executives or Airport Council International. The person will report to DOT&PF's Deputy Commissioner Klein.

“Aviation is the primary mode of travel in Alaska and we will continue focusing our resources on it,” said Klein. “That’s why I am pleased that we are moving forward to hiring the right person to assist in leading our international system.”

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